Are You Prepared for Judgment Day?

Sometimes I wonder what judgment day will be like. As I wrote in **"Salvation: A Legally Binding Contract With God"** on that day Christians will be represented by Jesus Christ Himself (**2 Corinthians 5:10 KJV**). For those who have kept their robes by washing them in the blood of the Lamb (**Revelation 7:14 KJV**) the 'old man' we once were will be declared legally dead once and for all.

"Huh, washing garments? That sounds like works to me". Yes it does. God's Word never said we had no works to do, only that we cannot earn our salvation with them. But multitudes will go to Hell because they listened to some pastor, church or denomination who told them that once they accept Christ there is nothing else we need to do. And in the end they will have no one to blame except themselves because they entrusted their salvation to some mediator other than Christ.

> **Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.**
> **Revelation 2:5 (KJV)**

We get a glimpse of Christ in this role of almighty judge from several scripture passages. Although it isn't immediately obvious one example which comes to mind is His letters to the seven churches. We can see that He is closely inspecting His bride for spot or blemish and making known to her where she needs to improve. Thinking of Christ in the role of judge is very unsettling for those who've been lulled into spiritual slumber by heresies like the love gospel. Jesus is depicted as a wimpy bridegroom who tolerates a bride with a wandering eye. But **"The Christ I Know"** will not be joined to a harlot.

> **For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.**
> **1 Corinthians 11:31 (KJV)**

One idea that is extremely seductive can be summed up by Billy's Joel's 70s hit. Does Christ love you "Just the Way You Are"? Like the protagonist in Billy's song Christ initially accepts us as we are, however He wants to inherently change us. Scripture tells us that He is the potter and we are the clay, but we are not changed against our will or without our cooperation.

Another deception that can be plainly seen when viewed with spiritual eyes is the so called 'women's liberation movement'. It was nothing less than the mass indoctrination of women with **"The Jezebel Spirit"**. And tragically, just like the world the bride is being taught that she can call the shots in her relationship with Christ. He is depicted as a husband so desperate for love that He will tolerate any behavior, including complete marital abandonment.

> **"The legal definition of abandonment is, "The act by which a person abandons and forsakes, without justification, a condition of public, social, or family life, renouncing its responsibilities and evading its duties.""**
> **http://divorcesupport.about.com/**

The subject of marital abandonment is one which every Christian should understand because God has

shown me that it is highly relevant to the spiritual relationship between Christ and His bride the church. Yes, we do have duties as Christians. The goal of Satan is to cause every Christian to abandon Christ. There are many ways he accomplishes this, but they all boil down to just a few general concepts.

First and foremost is 'eternal security', the lie that we can never lose our salvation. Although He will never leave us or forsake us He also will not stay where He's not wanted. Remember the prodigal son? He left His Father's house of his own free will. He came back, however scripture tells us that while he was gone he was considered dead (**Luke 15:32 KJV**).

> **And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.**
> **Mark 4:18-19 (KJV)**

The other big thing that ensnares Christians are the cares of this world. They initially start out well intentioned, but soon become caught up in distractions. They are literally driving in another direction as Christ becomes smaller and smaller in the rear view mirror, so that when they have finally abandoned Him they don't even notice it. When have we abondoned Him? The moment we begin to sin no longer caring that it offends Him. The bible refers to this as having a conscience that is seared with a hot iron (**1 Timothy 4:2 KJV**).

> **But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**
> **Matthew 24:48-51 (KJV)**

A Christian who is backslidden is toying with their eternity, because if you are a prodigal son and the Master returns before you return to the Father's house you'll miss the rapture of the church. If you carefully examine the seven letters to the churches Christ only promises one that they will be kept from the 'hour of temptation' (**Revelation 3:10 KJV**). That's one out of seven, is that possible? Yes, most Christians will in fact miss the rapture because they are consumed with the cares of this world and will have to be martyred for the faith.

> **Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.**
> **Revelation 3:3 (KJV)**

And don't ever assume you have plenty of time to repent; because every breath, every beat of our hearts is a gift from Him. Also, many who call themselves 'post-trib Christians' are in fact actually waiting for the signs that tribulation has started to get right with God. But what part of 'He cometh as a thief' do they not grasp? Yes, both the rapture and the 'day of the Lord' will come upon those of the earth as a thief in the night.

> **And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**
> **Ephesians 4:30 (KJV)**

Strangely, many Christians quote the above scripture as if it somehow proves God will stick around no

matter how wicked we become. But to me this is obviously a grave warning to all who lightly regard Christ's love. The key to understanding the above passage is the word 'seal' and what it means to be sealed.

In days of old a wax seal was placed on a document only after it was rolled up tightly. They are placed to assure that the contents have not been tampered with, like we find on many products on store shelves today. Seals may be broken only by those who are worthy, in this case the consumer who purchased them. Some even state “Do not accept if this seal has been broken” on the packaging. Similarly, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit until the day of redemption. It is God's seal of approval, so we should understand that grieving the Holy Spirit is like tampering with that seal.